

# THE CHILDREN'S STOREFRONT

An Independent School in Harlem  
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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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## REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND WAIVER

Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 02-6

We request a review of the USAC decision on the following appeal:

Funding Year: 2005  
Form 486 Notification Letter: March 7, 2007  
Billed Entity Number: 208919  
471 Application Number: 467206  
486 Application Number: 382201  
FRN: 1335942, 1336011, 1336061

The USAC approved a funding request for telephone service for the 2005-06 funding year, and subsequently denied reimbursement because of a missed deadline on a FCC Form 486. We were unable to meet the deadline because the USAC/SLD website was not working properly. This was acknowledged by USAC representatives over the phone, but they were unable to offer us a satisfactory alternative to file in a timely manner. We completed the form during the following week, but were denied all funding for the year.

We appealed to USAC for the lost funds, but were again denied. In response, USAC correctly pointed out that we were given a standard reminder and 20-day extension for the Form 486. However, during the final week of the extension, the USAC website was malfunctioning, making it impossible to file online or to download appropriate forms. We are hoping that the FCC can restore our funding, either by approving our appeal or waiving the FCC Form 486 deadline, so that we can receive reimbursement for our telephone bills.

We are a tuition-free school in one of the poorest neighborhoods in New York City, providing an excellent education, free breakfast and free lunch to children in the community. This funding is crucial to our continued success and denial of it will significantly influence our students in one of the most disadvantaged communities of New York City. Please do what you can to restore our funds.

Sincerely,

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Technology Director (authorized person)

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